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On Your Time Graduation

University of South Carolina students will be able to complete their degrees quicker and reduce overall tuition costs and loan debt with the University of South Carolina's pilot "On Your Time Graduation Initiative."

The traditional university academic calendar has become antiquated and inflexible for today's student, many times impeding timely degree completion, costing students more in tuition and student loans, and delaying employment in South Carolina's economy.

By redefining the traditional university academic calendar, providing flexibility and maximizing assets, USC's will provide a model for colleges and universities in the state of South Carolina and beyond her borders.

Highlights and benefits include:

- Provide new third full semester (summer)
- Increase the number of core and STEM courses and instruction
- Reduce class size
- Improve academic performance
- Increase student retention
- Complete degree and graduate sooner
- Reduce overall tuition cost and student loan debt
- Accelerate job placement and employment
- Engage state businesses and employers on workforce preparation, readiness and degree offerings

With "On Your Time" and the new "Palmetto College," the University of South Carolina is at the forefront of education innovation, increasing affordability and accessibility to our state's citizens seeking a college degree and employment in a changing economy.

As the state's flagship system, USC is uniquely positioned to pilot these new initiatives for the benefit of the State and adaptation by its other colleges and universities.